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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER CRITICIZES ALLEGED US ROLE
IN ALLENDE OVERTHROW

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN
ANDERSSON DELIVERED A BRIEF SPEECH ON SEPTEMBER 11
ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE
COUP IN CHILE IN WHICH HE CRITICIZED ALLEGED KEY ROLE
OF THE "NIXON ADMINISTRATION" AND THE CIA IN
DESTABILIZING THE ALLENDE REGIME. OTHER SWEDISH
ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING THE SEPTEMBER 11, 1973
EVENT INCLUDED A MASS DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN
STOCKHOLM AND A MARCH TO THE EMBASSY OF CHILE WHICH
ATTRACTED APPROXIMATELY 4,000 PERSONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE SWEDEN-BASED "INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR
CHILE" ARRANGED SEVERAL EVENTS IN STOCKHOLM ON
SEPTEMBER 11 TO MARK THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MILITARY COUP IN CHILE WHICH BROUGHT DOWN THE REGIME
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OF SALVADOR ALLENDE. THE MAIN ACTIVITY WAS A

DEMONSTRATION IN DOWNTOWN STOCKHOLM WHICH ATTRACTED AN AUDIENCE OF 4,000 PERSONS. THEY WERE ADDRESSED BY HANS GORAN FRANK, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, FORMER CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA, AND NORWEGIAN PROFESSOR ANDERS BRATHOV. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF COMMISSION MEMBERS LATER MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON WHO READ A BRIEF STATEMENT EXCORIATING THE PINOCHET REGIME, LAMENTING THE FALL OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT, EXPRESSING THE WARNING THAT OTHER LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS MAY ENCOUNTER THE SAME FATE, AND CRITICIZING THE ALLEGED KEY ROLE PLAYED BY THE "NIXON ADMINISTRATION" AND THE CIA IN DESTABILIZING THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IN THE PRE-COUP PERIOD.

3. TRANSLATION OF ANDERSSON'S FIVE-PAGE STATEMENT WILL BE TRANSMITTED WHEN AVAILABLE FROM MFA. REFERENCES IN HIS SPEECH TO THE US WERE AS FOLLOWS: "THE OVERTHROWN OF ALLENDE WAS NOT ONLY A DEED BY THE CHILEAN MILITARY. THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION OBVIOUSLY ENERGETICALLY WORKED AGAINST ALLENDE -- TO DESTABILIZE THE REGIME, AS THEY SAID. NOW LATER WE HAVE EVIDENCE AS TO HOW THE CIA ACTIVELY SUPPORTED RIGHT-WING FORCES THAT WISHED TO OUST THE PRESIDENT AND STOP THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS."

4. PRIME MINISTER PALME, IN A SPEECH AT UPPSALA, SAID THAT SEPTEMBER 11 WAS A "BLACK DAY." HE ADDED THAT THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM WHAT HAPPENED IN CHILE IS NOT TO TRUST RIGHT-WING FORCES. PALME SAID "WE MUST PROTECT DEMOCRACY AND INCREASE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT PEOPLE'S LIBERATION MOVEMENTS."

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOME PRESS REPORTS CLAIM THAT ANDERSSON'S STATEMENT WAS AN "ESCALATION" FROM GOS'S PAST CRITICISM OF THE US ROLE IN CHILE, THE EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT THIS IS SO. WHILE WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER ANALYSIS WHEN FULL TEXT AVAILABLE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANDERSSON'S REMARKS UNDOUBTEDLY WERE STIMULATED IN PART BY KNOWLEDGE THAT WIDESPREAD DISDAIN EXISTS IN SWEDEN FOR PINOCHET REGIME, PARTICULARLY AMONG LEFT-WING OF HIS OWN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. FACT THAT MORE THAN 4,000 (LARGELY YOUNG) DEMONSTRATORS TOOK PART IN SEPTEMBER 11 ACTIVITIES INDICATES CLEARLY THAT PRO-CHILE CAUSE HAS BECOME A MOST EMOTIONAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUE IN SWEDEN.

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